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SUBJECT: SMITH BLAMES ANC "BOMBSHELLS" FOR TALK FAILURE,
SAYS HE WILL NEGOTIATE WITH OTHER GROUPS

1. IT WILL TAKE OBSERVERS SOME TIME TO SORT OUT
CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES OF WHAT TOOK PLACE AT VICTORIA
FALLS NEGOTIATIONS ON AUGUST 25. POST APPRECIATES CONTINUED
REPORTING FROM LUSAKA AND OTHER POSTS AS IMPORTANT
ELEMENT IN TRYING TO PIECE TOGETHER BRIDGE SCENARIO.

2. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY TAKEN FROM SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS
OF CHARGES MADE BY IAN SMITH IN SPEECH TO RHODESIAN
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY EVENING AUGUST 26. SMITH STATED THAT
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FAULT FOR CONFERENCE FAILURE RESTS SQUARELY UPON ANC

DELEGATION WHICH DROPPED TWO UNACCEPTABLE "BOMBSHELLS". SMITH STATED THAT BISHOP MUZOREWA OFFERED AMENDMENT TO PRETORIA AGREEMENT (PRETORIA 3014) WHICH WOULD HAVE OBLIGED WHITE RHODESIAN DELEGATES TO ACCEPT PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY RULE NOW. ACCORDING TO SMITH, MUZOREWA'S AMENDMENT READ: A) "WE PUBLICLY STATE THAT THE ONLY GENUINE SETTLEMENT TO THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY IS THE ONE THAT SHALL BE BASED ON THE TRANSFER OF POWER FROM THE MINORITY TO THE MAJORITY PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY-- THAT IS TO SAY, MAJORITY RULE NOW. THEREFORE, OUR GENUINE DESIRE TO NEGOTIATE SHOULD PRODUCE A SETTLEMENT OF THIS NATURE."

3. SMITH SAID AMENDMENT COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO WHITES NOT ONLY FOR ITS CONTENT BUT BECAUSE IT ATTEMPTED TO INTRODUCE PRECONDITIONS TO NEGOTIATIONS IN VIOLATION OF THE PRETORIA AGREEMENT.

4. THIS "BOMBSHELL" WAS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT ENTITLED "IMMUNITIES" IN WHICH ANC SET OUT CONDITIONS FOR GRANTING IMMUNITIES TO ITS REPRESENTATIVES AT NEGOTIATING MEETINGS WITHIN RHODESIA. SMITH STATED THAT HE NOT PREPARED TO ALLOW "WELL-KNOWN TERRORIST LEADERS" WHO RESPONSIBLE FOR MURDERS AND OTHER ATROCITIES IN RHODESIA TO ENTER COUNTRY.

5. SMITH ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD FORGE AHEAD WITH ATTEMPTING TO FIND SETTLEMENT BY DEALING WITH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHIEFS AND OTHER AFRICAN GROUPS WITHIN RHODESIA. HE STATED THAT ANC WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IF IT ABIDES BY TERMS OF PRETORIA AGREEMENT.

6. BISHOP MUZOREWA QUOTED IN PRESS AS ASSERTING THAT SMITH HIMSELF RENEGING ON PRETORIA AGREEMENT BY INSISTING ON DEALING WITH OTHER RHODESIAN AFRICAN GROUPS. MUZOREWA CONTENDED THAT PRETORIA AGREEMENT RECOGNIZED THAT ONLY TWO PARTIES (ANC AND SMITH REGIME) ARE COMPETENT TO NEGOTIATE SETTLEMENT.
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7. MORNING PRESS ALSO CARRIED TEXT OF WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS "ABORTIVE" VICTORIA FALLS DECLARATION (SEPTTEL). THERE IS NO INDICATION OF AUTHORSHIP, HOW IT WAS INTRODUCED AT VICTORIA FALLS OR HOW SIDES REACTED TO IT. IN CHECKING WITH DFA UNDER SECRETARY VAN DALSEN, HE INDICATED THAT IT HAD ITS ORIGINS IN THE AUG 8-9 PRETORIA TALKS AND THAT PRIME MINISTER VORSTER PRESENTED IT AT VICTORIA FALLS. HE

CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW POSITIONS TAKEN BY SMITH AND ANC DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS. AT THIS POINT, WE DO NOT HAVE A CLEAR PICTURE WHY THE DECLARATION WAS NOT ACCEPTED. WE WANT TO DO A LITTLE MORE PROBING. BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO S.A. BOTTOMLEY, WHO IS SIMILARLY INTRIGUED BY THE SURFACTING OF THIS DOCUMENT, THEORIZES THAT VORSTER MAY WELL HAVE TAKEN INITIATIVE IN PRESENTING IT AS A MEANS OF OVERCOMING FAILURE OF PRETORIA AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE GUARANTEE OF IMMUNITY FOR PRSONS SUCH AS CHIKEREMA AND NDABANINGI SITHOLE (SEE PARA 2C OF PRETORIA 3014).

8. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT WHAT FOLLOW-UP ACTION SAG IS TAKING ON VICTORIA FALLS MEETING, VAN DALSEN SAID PRESS REPORTS THAT SPECIAL SAG EMISSARY HAD GONE TO LUSAKA TODAY IS NOT CORRECT, ALTHOUGH SAG IS KEEPING "IN VERY CLOSE TOUCH" WITH ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT. THIS RESPONSE WHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN WITH CERTAIN RESERVE SINCE LOGICAL EMISSARY, BRAND FOURIE, HAS BEEN UNAVAILABLE AS "OUT OF TOWN." BOWDLER

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